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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of this application as amended are respectfully requested.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 26 and new claims 27 and 28 are pending in this application. Claims 6, 17 and 19 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species. Claims 21, 24 and 25 are cancelled herein without prejudice to filing a divisional application directed to the subject matter of these claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 20, 22 and 26 were rejected as being anticipated by Tobin (USP 5,129,609). Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 20 and 23 were rejected as being anticipated by Anderson (USP 2,142,547). Claims 1, 9, 22 and 26 were also rejected as being anticipated by Keppler (USP 2,102,079). Claim 1 was also rejected as being anticipated by Knipfer et al. (USP 2,784,779). Claim 4 was rejected as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Hunter (USP 5,927,502). Claims 8 and 13 were rejected as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Schirer (USP 6,155,325). Claim 11 was rejected as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Leigh (USP 3,469,335). Claims 14 and 15 were rejected as being unpatentable over Anderson or Tobin in view of Gardner (USP

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5,755,949). Claims 16 and 18 were rejected as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Hanna (USP 4,531,564).

The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed on the grounds that the cited prior art does not disclose, teach or suggest the features now set forth in claim 1.

Claim 1 is directed to a display device including a unitary, rigid sheet comprising a left center panel, a right center panel, a spine panel arranged between and pivotally connected to both the left and right center panels, a left side panel pivotally connected to the left center panel and having a smaller width than a width of the left center panel, and a right side panel pivotally connected to the right center panel and having a smaller width than a width of the right center panel. The sheet is formed from opposed front and rear, substantially planar layers of material connected by parallel ribs to define cavities. The rear planar layer has vertically extending separation lines and the front planar layer includes a fold line opposite each separation line. The separation lines and fold lines are formed between adjacent panels.

With the presence of a spine panel and the dimensioning of the panels as now set forth in claim 1, the display board set forth therein is capable of having a compact, carrying configuration, e.g., as shown in Fig. 2 (and described in the specification at page 8, line 11 to page 9, line 4).

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The cited prior art does not disclose, teach or suggest a display board including all of the features set forth in claim 1.

Tobin shows a flexible trash bag support with a flat back and foldable side members. The trash bag support of Tobin is not made of opposed planar layers of material with ribs therebetween.

Anderson shows a window display made of a sheet of corrugated material which is cut to have various interconnected panels. The window display of Anderson does not include, inter alia, a spine panel to which two center panels are pivotally connected and side panels having the claimed width relationship with the center panels.

Keppler shows a display box which is provided with a three-dimensional form by folding a planar panel about cut or score lines. The display box of Keppler does not include, inter alia, a spine panel to which two center panels are pivotally connected and side panels having the claimed width relationship with the center panels.

Knipfer et al. shows a collapsible wind break device for use as a shelter from wind and which includes four panels pivotally connected to one another. The wind break of Knipfer et al. does not include, inter alia, a spine panel to which two center panels are pivotally connected and side panels having the claimed width relationship with the center panels, and moreover is not made of opposed planar layers of material connected by ribs.

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The secondary references, Hunter, Schirer, Leigh, Gardner and Hanna, do not disclose the features set forth in claim 1 and therefore cannot be combined with any of the primary references to render the embodiment of the invention set forth in claim 1 obvious.

In view of the changes to independent claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over the prior art of record.

Claims 2-5, 7-16, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 26, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, should also be patentable over the cited prior art for the same reasons set forth above and because the cited prior art does not disclose features of these claims.

In view of the arguments set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections of claims 1-5, 7-16, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 26 under 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103(a) have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

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EW CLAIMS

Claims 27-29 are added and all read on the elected species.
In view of the cancellation of claims 21, 24 and 25, no
additional fee is due for the presentation of claims 27-29.

Claim 27 is an independent claim which includes, inter alia,
the features of the sheet being formed from opposed front and
rear, substantially planar layers of material connected by
parallel, vertically extending ribs with the rear planar layer
having vertically extending cuts formed between adjacent ribs.

Claim 28 depend on claim 27 and recites the presence of a
spine panel between left and right center panels.

Claim 29 is another independent claim which includes, inter
alia, the features of the sheet being corrugated and formed from
opposed front and rear, substantially planar layers of material
with the rear planar layer having vertically extending separation
lines formed parallel to the corrugation.

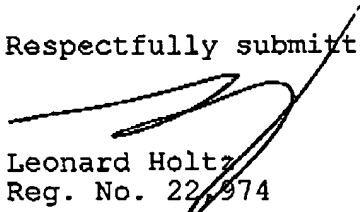
The prior art of record does not disclose, teach or suggest
the embodiments of the invention set forth in claims 27-29.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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